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Late Telegraph News

WASHINGTON, April 14—An intimation has come from the White House that President Wilson will name Maj. J. F. A. Strong as Governor of Alaska, during the present week.

WASHINGTON, April 12—Good news was received by Alaskans from the White House this afternoon. It indicates that the President has looked into the needs of the territory and is nearly ready to act. It is stated that he plans to use all his influence in opening up Alaska. He also stated today that he would appoint a new Governor very quickly, which is taken to imply that he has practically decided on the man and that announcement of the name will be made early next week. President Wilson has also practically given assurance that Robert W. Jennings, of Juneau, will be appointed to a Judgeship in Alaska. Although not coming from the same authoritative source, yet it is generally understood that John Y. Ostrander, of Cordova, will also be given a Judicial appointment. The terms of Judge Lyons and Judge Overfield will expire in the course of a couple of months, in the first and third divisions, respectively. It is expected that Mr. Jennings will be appointed to the Juneau division and Mr. Ostrander to the Valdez division, but each assigned to the other division for the first year. This is deemed necessary because both appointees would be disqualified from hearing certain litigation in their own divisions because of their former connection with the cases.

This afternoon Senator Pittman was very optimistic over the probability of getting favorable action on the Alaskan transportation question at this session of Congress. He said, "I am very hopeful of getting the Alaska railroad question before the Senate while the House is considering the tariff. I am firm in the belief that we will secure the adoption of the Chamberlain measure in the Senate."

WASHINGTON, April 9—Last night the rooms of the National Press Club were the scene of an Alaskan love feast. All the residents of the northern territory, as well as men interested there, who are now in the city, attended. Alaskans were the hosts and united in particularly expressing their appreciation of the good work done by two of their guests. These men were Ira E. Bennett and Thomas F. Logan, editors of the Washington Post. In fact the dinner was given in recognition of their splendid and continuous work of presenting the Alaskan question to their readers. To these men and many other editors throughout the country is largely attributed the change of sentiment which has switched from ultra-conservation to a general belief in the speedy development of the resources of Alaska. Delegate to Congress, James Wickersham, was toastmaster. If all the predictions made concerning the territory are realized that northland will soon blossom as the rose, and be a mighty and enduring empire of rich realization.

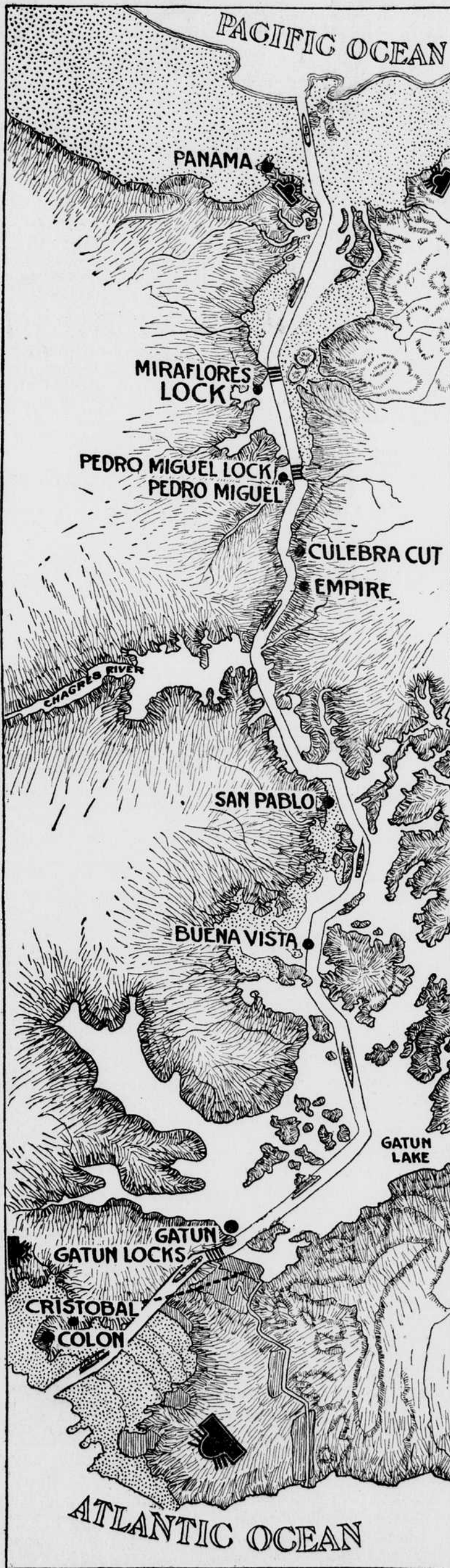
WASHINGTON, April 11—The territory of Alaska is certainly in the public eye at the national capital. It is now expected that there will certainly be railroad legislation within the next year, with the strong probability that the special session will take favorable action on the Chamberlain bill, which provide for the construction of 1,000 miles of railroad in Alaska. And now Senator Miles Poindexter comes to the front and announces that he will make an effort to have a line built from the Bering coal fields to Controller bay. He states that in a day or two he will introduce a bill providing for this construction of twenty-five miles. It will be remembered that the Senator and Gifford Pinchot made a trip to Southwestern Alaska during the month of September 1911. They had an unpleasant experience in the neighborhood of Katalla, because of the unfavorable weather conditions. And upon their return Senator Poindexter would only go as far as to say that "Controller bay was a possible harbor." In the report of the Alaska Railroad Commission many reasons are set forth why Controller bay is not available as a railroad terminus. The action of Senator Poindexter, who is hostile to Cordova and the interests that have developed that town, is an indication that he seeks to cloud the real issue and to destroy some of that harmony and unity that is otherwise so generally displayed here in favor of following out the suggestions of the Commission that recently made an exhaustive study of railroad necessities in Alaska, and the best possible routes available for the opening up and development of the great richness of that vast territory.

Judge Overfield has received a cable from Juneau stating the act to repeal the road tax law in Alaska had been passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Clark, and that it was now in effect. In accordance with this information Judge Overfield is wiring the U. S. Commissioners in his division that they should not proceed to carry out the former law by appointing road overseers to collect the tax. The action of the Legislature will be in full force and effect unless declared otherwise by Congress. In any event it is reasonable to presume that there will be no collections for the year 1913, and possibly never again.

Telegraphic advices received from Judge Lyons by Judge Overfield indicate that the former is particularly anxious to have the Judge from this division go to Juneau as soon as possible and hear some motions in the McDonald case, which would likely mean that Judge Overfield would be called upon to hear the trial of the case, as Judge Lyons is disqualified, as he was assistant Prosecuting attorney when McDonald was under investigation at the time of the killing of Jones. This afternoon Judge Overfield wired to Juneau that he could sail for that port about May 8th, which favor will likely be accepted.

The Panama Canal

Birdseye View Showing Route of the Great Waterway Now Nearing Completion



ACCORDING to present plans, water will be let into the new Panama canal on July 1. The first boat will enter in September. Going from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean a boat enters the canal on the north side of the Isthmus of Panama at a small suburb called Cristobal. Seven miles inland it comes to the Gatun locks. These lift the boat to a level of eighty-five feet above the sea. This level is maintained across the famous Gatun artificial lakes and through the Culebra cut to the Pedro Miguel (called Peter McGill by American workmen) locks thirty-nine miles from the Atlantic ocean and eleven miles from the Pacific ocean. The Pedro Miguel and Miraflores locks lower the boat to the Pacific sea level. Thence it goes to the other terminus, called La Boca, the Spanish words for mouth, a suburb of the City of Panama. The odd sensation will be given a traveler when he rides through the canal from Colon to Panama of going south and east instead of west, and when he rises the next day in Panama he will find that, because Panama is on a point of land jutting out into the ocean, the sun both rises and sets in the Pacific. In its course the canal is made to follow generally the valleys of the Mindi and Chagres rivers on the north or Atlantic side and the Rio Grande on the south or Pacific slope.

DISTRICT COURT AT CORDOVA

Cordova, April 10. A special term of court was convened this morning at Empress theatre, presided over by Judge Peter E. Overfield. The regular officials were present from the seat of justice, with the innovation of the Rev. Ziegler, of Valdez, as court crier. During the morning the trial calendar was called and cases set for trial. During the afternoon session the law and motion calendar was heard. The trial calendar was disposed of as follows:

M. C. Thompson, Administrator vs. A. E. Barber; action to recover money due on partnership agreement. Passed. Harry G. Gray vs. Mollie Gray; divorce. Passed. S. P. Chapin vs. Gyp Moore; appeal Commissioner's court and action on promissory note; set for trial Friday April 11.

Joseph Janey vs. Oscar Breedman, John Palmer, Thos. Cloninger and J. L. Brown; action to recover damages out of property alleged to have been taken by force and fraud. Set for trial April 16.

Mathilda A. Snyder vs. Edward Kelter; action to abate a public nuisance. Set for trial April 14.

Earnest W. Vande Vord vs. Kennicott Mines Co.; personal damages, set for trial April 19.

Daniel S. Reeder vs. Katalla Co. and Copper River & N. W. Ry.; personal injury. Set for trial April 21.

G. W. Hardman vs. Katalla Co. and Copper River & N. W. Ry.; action for damages account malicious prosecution. Passed.

Peter Cordez vs. Katalla Co. and Copper River & N. W. Ry.; personal injury. Announcement that case would be settled by stipulation.

H. Robinson vs. E. W. Exum and S. O. Breedman; action to recover promissory note. Set for trial April 23.

Cordova, April 11. Court convened this morning but an adjournment was soon taken to two o'clock this afternoon. At this hour a jury was empaneled and the trial of a case proceeded. The issue was to recover on a promissory note of several hundred dollars. The action was brought by S. P. Chapin, as assignee of Jos. Bridges, who formerly conducted a merchandise store at Cordova, and the defendant is Gyp Moore.

The following law and motion calendar was heard yesterday afternoon by Judge Overfield, with disposition of matters as noted: Chief Good-la-tah vs. Copper River & N. W. Ry., E. E. Ritchie; R. J. Boryer. Demurrer to amended complaint. Action by Plaintiff as Chief of tribe for destruction of burial grounds. Order overruling demurrer.

E. Lee Thinius vs. H. P. Sullivan, U. S. Marshal; S. P. Chapin; C. M. Frazier. Demurrer to amended complaint. Action to recover money attached under execution. Hearing on Demurrer taken under advisement.

James Heney vs. Copper River & N. W. Co. et al.; E. E. Ritchie; R. J. Boryer. Motion to quash service of summons and to make complaint more definite and certain. Personal injuries. Hearing on motion taken under advisement.

Mrs. E. A. Reed as administratrix vs. Copper River & N. W. Ry.; J. H. Cobb; R. J. Boryer. Motions to make more definite and certain, and to strike. Action to recover account death, by widow. Order denying motions.

Geo. C. Hazlet, Trustee, J. E. Currier and Chas. Goodall vs. Arctic Lumber Co., a corporation; Ostrander & Donohoe; R. J. Boryer. Demurrer to complaint. Ejectment. Order overruling demurrer.

Henry Alheit vs. Copper River & N. W. Ry. Co., J. H. Cobb; R. J. Boryer. Demurrer to complaint.

Cordova, April 10. Boryer. Demurrer to complaint. Personal injuries. Order overruling demurrer.

Max Kahn vs. Chas. Allen, Geo. Dooléy and S. O. Breedman; Ostrander & Donohoe; R. J. Boryer. Motion to make more definite and certain. Action on promissory note. Order granting motion and permitting to amend complaint by interlineation.

Cordova, April 12. A special venire of twelve jurors was returned by the U. S. Marshal as follows: A. J. Paxson, Paxson's Road House; M. Finkelstein, F. H. Estabrook, L. G. Belter, James Smith, E. P. Ziegler, Charles Warren, C. M. Berry, Geo. C. Hazlet, R. R. Stewart, E. A. Hegg, R. J. Kenevick, Cordova.

The following are the other jurors who are in attendance at this term of the district court: C. P. Mickelson, J. E. Currier, E. J. Davis, S. E. Hood, Cordova; H. C. Davis, A. S. Jensen, L. C. Townsend, Valdez; Karl Long, T. P. Murphy, Seward; W. C. McCall, Latouche.

Last evening in open court Judge Overfield granted a decree of divorce to Kittle Jordan from her husband William Jordan.

Two petitioners for citizenship were granted their second papers this morning by Judge Overfield. They are both residents of Cordova and are Bernhard Hunger, a subject of Germany, and Edw. O. Griset, a subject of England.

Ludwig L. Stol, a subject of Sweden sought to secure his naturalization papers this morning. His examination, however, was not entirely satisfactory and Judge Overfield advised that he post himself on our American institutions and appear before him later.

In the case of S. P. Chapin vs. Gyp Moore, to recover on a promissory note, the jury did not reach a verdict until nearly ten o'clock this morning, after having been out all night. They decided that the plaintiff was entitled to \$435.97.

The liquor license of Louis Belter was ordered transferred to the Windsor Hotel Company.

In the case of the U. S. vs. Diggs, Little and Whittemore a demurrer to the answer of Little and Whittemore was argued this morning, and sustained.

Cordova, April 14. In the federal court the case of Matilda Snyder vs. Edw. Kelter was to have come up for trial this morning at ten o'clock. Instead, attorney Cobb for the plaintiff filed a motion for a change of venue alleging that he could not secure a fair trial in Cordova. The motion was argued before Judge Overfield, the defendant, through his attorney T. J. Donohoe, opposing the motion and arguing for a trial at this term of court. The motion was denied and Judge Overfield reset the case for Monday morning next, stating that he would have twenty jurors summoned from Valdez and Seward, which would protect the rights of the plaintiff.

The case of Joseph Janey vs. Oscar Breedman, John Palmer, Thos. Cloninger and J. L. Brown had previously been set for Wednesday. Judge Overfield announced that, as there was no cases set for Tuesday, the jury could be empaneled tomorrow, so as to be ready to proceed with the case after the arrival of the plaintiff's witnesses from Chitina on the train tomorrow.

This morning the case of G. W. Hardman vs. Katalla Co. and C. R. & N. W. Ry., was set for trial on April 24.

The case of Henry Alheit vs. Copper River & Northwestern Railway, personal injuries, was set for trial Tuesday, April 22.

Chief Good-la-tah vs. C. P. & N. W. Ry., destruction of burial grounds, set for trial Thursday, April 24.

Mrs. E. A. Reed as administratrix vs. C. R. & N. W. Ry., plaintiff permitted to amend by interlineation; demurrer overruled.

The liquor license of Dee Davis, at Chitina, was ordered to be transferred to John Palmer.

The case of the U. S. vs. Robert Hunter, ejectment, was dismissed upon motion of the District Attorney.

James Heney vs. C. R. & N. W. Ry., personal injuries, motion to quash service of summons and to make definite, was denied. Plaintiff permitted to make interlineation.

Cordova, April 15. Court convened this morning at ten o'clock, all jurors reporting present. Judge Overfield decided not to call the Janey case until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, to which time court was adjourned.

During the balance of the special term of court at Cordova Judge Overfield and a jury will be fairly busy in the trial of various causes. The trial calendar now shows cases set for trial as follows:

Wednesday, April 16. Joseph Janey vs. Oscar Breedman, John Palmer, Thos. Cloninger and J. L. Brown; action to recover damages out of property alleged to have been taken by force and fraud. Wm. O'Connor for plaintiff; R. J. Boryer for Breedman; Ostrander & Donohoe for Palmer, Cloninger and Brown.

Saturday April 19. Earnest W. Vande Vord vs. Kennicott Mines Co.; personal damages, E. E. Ritchie; R. J. Boryer.

Monday, April 21. Mathilda A. Snyder vs. Edward Kelter; action to abate a public nuisance. J. H. Cobb; Ostrander & Donohoe.

Daniel S. Reeder vs. Katalla Co. and Copper River & N. W. Ry.; personal injury. J. H. Cobb; R. J. Boryer.

Tuesday April 22. The case of Henry Alheit vs. Copper River & Northwestern Railway, personal injuries. J. H. Cobb; R. J. Boryer.

Wednesday, April 23. H. Robinson vs. E. W. Exum and S. O. Breedman; action to recover on promissory note. C. M. Frazier; R. J. Boryer.

Thursday, April 24. Chief Good-la-tah vs. C. R. & N. W. Ry., destruction of burial grounds. E. E. Ritchie; R. J. Boryer.

G. W. Hardman vs. Katalla Co. and C. R. & N. W. Ry., personal injuries. J. H. Cobb; R. J. Boryer.

The case of Jaes Heney vs. C. R. & N. W. Ry., personal injuries, has not yet been set.

TOKIO, April 15—The cabinet has reported to the Emperor that the attitude of President Wilson with reference to the Japanese situation in California has made it necessary to bring a test case before the American Supreme Court, in order to show that the Japanese are not of Mongolian origin.

Cordova, April 15. The train from Chitina made good time today and reached here about three o'clock this afternoon. The weather conditions out the line are very favorable. A number of passengers came in from the Copper River country, most of them witnesses in cases to come before the court. There was no mail from Fairbanks, the stage not having arrived when the train left this morning.

The court officials, attorneys, jurors, witnesses and litigants, as well as the general public, are invited to participate in the game of Five Hundred at the Windsor hotel this evening. Doors will open at 8:30 o'clock and play will commence at 9 sharp. The affair is given by the Woman's Guild.